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SUBJECT: U. S. PROFESSOR PROGRAM

REF: A) STATE 47020, B) STATE 77091, C) STATE 95017

1. DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND TO DAHOMEY REQUEST FOR ECONOMICS PROFESSOR BUT WONDER WHETHER AN AMERICAN ECONOMIST COULD NOW FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY AT UNIVERSITY WITH ASSUMED RECENT SHIFT TO MARXIST-ECONOMIC POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT. POST HAS NEVER SUBMITTED REQUESTED DATA SHEETS DESCRIBING POSITION (SEE REF A AND C) NOR INFORMATION AS TO WHAT CONTRIBUTION THE DAHOMEY GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO MAKE. DEPARTMENT FEELS IT ESSENTIAL THAT HOST GOVERNMENT PROVIDE SOMETHING (HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION FOR DEPENDENTS ETC.).

2. CIES IS PREPARED TO NOMINATE A YOUNG ECONOMIST (AGE 29) WITH WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN FOR POSSIBLE DAHOMEY ASSIGNMENT. HE IS ASST. PROF. AT UNIV. OF MAINE/FARMINGTON, RECEIVED PH.D. FROM FLETCHER SCHOOL IN 1974. WOULD NOT BE PREPARED TO TEACH ECONOMETRICS BUT RATHER INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS, TRADE AND FINANCE. FLUENT IN FRENCH. HAS BEEN

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TEACHING AS EITHER INSTRUCTOR OR ASST. PROF. SINCE 1970.

HE PREFERS ASSIGNMENT IN ZAIRE PRIMARILY DUE CHILDREN'S

SCHOOLING. DEPARTMENT WOULD PREFER USE HIM IN DAHOMEY BUT CONCERNED WITH TYPE OF RECEPTION HE MIGHT RECEIVE AND EXTENT TO WHICH HE WOULD BE UTILIZED. THIS IS OF HIGHER CONCERN BECAUSE OF EXPENSE AND COMPLICATIONS OF MOVING FOUR OTHER MEMBERS OF FAMILY AT HIS OWN EXPENSE. DEPT. WISHES TO UTILIZE THIS SCHOLAR IN BEST POSSIBLE WAY.

3. FYI PROF. ALPERS DOES NOT ;AVE FRENCH AND THUS NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED. DAHOMEY EMBASSY SO INFORMED AND COPY OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE SENT POST.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: CABLE BY COB, MAY 23 JUSTIFICATION FOR FULBRIGHT PROFESSOR THIS FIELD, DAHOMEY CONTRIBUTION AND COMMENTS ON POSSIBLE ACCEPTABILITY THIS SCHOLAR. KISSINGER

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